

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS

MINUTES

December 18, 2008

The South Carolina Commission on Disabilities and Special Needs met on Thursday, December 18, 2008, at 10:30 AM at the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs Central Office, 3440 Harden Street Extension, Columbia, South Carolina.

The following were in attendance:

COMMISSION

Present:

Bobby Harrell, Chairman
John Vaughn, Vice-Chairman
Otis Speight, Secretary
Edythe Dove
John Powell
Kelly H. Floyd
Bill Bishop

DDSN Administrative Staff

Dr. Stan Butkus, State Director; Bill Barfield, Deputy State Director, Administration; Kathi Lacy, Associate State Director, Policy; David Goodell, Associate State Director, Operations; Lois Park Mole, Director of Government and Community Relations; John King, District I Director; Rufus Britt, District II Director; Linda Veldheer, Director of HASCI; Kevin Yacobi, Director of Internal Audit; Daniel Davis, Director of Autism; Janet Priest, Director of MR/RD Division; Lisa Weeks, Budget; Ann Dalton, Director of Quality Management; Shondala Hall, Internal Audit

Guests

Kathleen Roberts, SCPADD and Whitten Center Parents Club; Ralph Courtney, Executive Director, Aiken County DSN Board; Joyce Davis, Executive Director,

Brain Injury Alliance of SC; Kay Brooks, Brain Injury Alliance of SC; Thomas Seastrunk, Brain Injury Alliance of SC; Deborah McPherson, LGOA; Leanne Johnston, SCHSP; George Macky, DHHS; Angie Stoner; Senate Finance Committee; Marlene Woods, Whitten Center; Jim Ormes, JCI, Inc.; Jackie Robey, The Arc of SC; Mary Leitner, Executive Director; Richland/Lexington DSN Board; Craig Stoxen, Executive Director, SC Autism Society; Mary Poole, Executive Director, York County DSN Board; Bob Jones, Allendale-Barnwell County DSN Board; Fred Owens, Newberry County DSN Board; Mary Mack, Executive Director, Lee County DSN Board; Darrin W. Sisk, Colleton County DSN Board; Michelle Sly, York County DSN Board; Alice Shook, Executive Director, Berkeley Citizens; Mike Keith, Executive Director, Marion-Dillon DSN Board; Rick Huntress, SCSCIA; Fred Lynn, Whitten Center

News Release of Meeting

Mr. Bobby Harrell, Chairman, called the meeting to order. Mr. Bill Bishop read a statement of announcement about the meeting that had been mailed to the appropriate media, interested persons, and posted at the Central Office in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

Invocation

Mr. John Vaughn gave the invocation.

Adoption of the Agenda

On motion of Mr. John Powell, seconded by Dr. John Vaughn and passed, the Commission approved the agenda for the meeting (Attachment A).

Approval of the Minutes of the November 6, 2008 Meeting

Dr. Vaughn asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2008 meeting. On motion of Ms. Kelly Floyd, seconded by Mr. Powell and passed, the Commission approved the minutes of the November 6, 2008 meeting.

Update on FY 2008-2009 Budget Reduction Plan

Mr. Bill Barfield introduced the Budget Reduction Plan and stated that Mr. David Goodell would go over the implementation. Mr. Barfield explained once the money is identified to be reduced it is turned over. Target dates are very critical for the Boards because they need to know where they are going to reduce since they will not receive funds after this month. Mr. Goodell stated the Boards are now developing detailed action plans, which are a very critical challenge because of the timing, but it is favorable that we will make the reduction targets. Administrative costs will be reduced and efforts are to insulate Regional Center services. Current growth has been suspended. Mr. Goodell reported that the critical waiting list is being tracked even more closely while implementing the reduction plan. Provider partners are laboring to determine how to absorb cuts. Boards did not have much time. Mr. Goodell is coordinating to ensure each board's plan is realistic and minimizes consumers being affected. The number of Board positions impacted is approximately 260. Some providers plan to reduce paid holidays and implement furloughs. The Boards have done a good job to minimize the number of consumers displaced from services. Mr. Goodell also reported the closing of five child daycare centers and how this created an enormous affect on children and staff. Children are moving to private childcare centers and public school programs. Efforts to enhance Medicaid revenue by converting from state funding to Medicaid funding is going well. Monthly updates are being received from the Boards. Mr. Goodell offered kudos to Mr. John King and Mr. Rufus Britt in aiding Boards with their budget reduction plans. There was discussion. Dr. Butkus stated 36 people of the 50 DDSN positions were released. Mr. Bishop expressed concern about Boards "folding." Mr. Barfield stated that DDSN will monitor the financial activities and Mr. Goodell added that DDSN will counsel Boards on budget planning (Attachment B).

Budget Report and Impact of Budget and Control Board Actions

Mr. Bill Barfield presented for approval DDSN's 7% (\$12 million) Budget Reduction. He provided a chart to all attendees and explained each item. Core services are for the most severely disabled and the other individuals who will have to come to us occasionally. There was discussion. Mr. Barfield asked the Commission to approve the 7% reduction. Dr. Speight stated the line items represent people, not only money. On motion of Dr. Speight, seconded by Mr. Bishop and passed, the Commission approved the budget reduction as presented, with the understanding if the economic picture changes, DDSN will come back to the Commission with a new plan.

Mr. Barfield presented the 15% budget reduction for Commission approval to send to the Budget and Control Board at the end of the month. Mr. Barfield went over each line item to show how the plan gets to 15%. Dr. Vaughn asked what the total impact is on the agency. Mr. Barfield replied 18% of state funds, 11% total dollars. DDSN continues 89% of activity and the budget reduction impacts consumers with less severe disabilities. On motion of Dr. Vaughn, seconded by Dr. Speight, the Commission approved the budget reduction as presented (Attachment C).

Report from DSN Boards

Mr. Ralph Courtney stated to the Commission that their intentions and concerns for people with disabilities were appreciated. He then shared a "story" summary.

State Director Report/Announcements

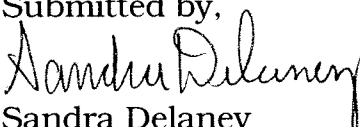
Dr. Butkus stated that we are working the best we can and to hang in there. DDSN will keep the Commission updated on the impact of the budget reductions. The strength of our system is that we work together.

Mr. Harrell stated that the budget reduction is not good news but to pray that things will turn around.

Next Meeting Date

Mr. Harrell announced the next meeting will be a work session and it will be held January 22 and 23, 2009, in Columbia, South Carolina.

On motion of Mr. Powell, seconded by Dr. Speight and passed, the Commission meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,

Sandra Delaney

Approved:

Dr. Otis Speight
Mr. Bobby Harrell

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A G E N D A

**South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs
3440 Harden Street Extension
Columbia, South Carolina**

December 18, 2008

10:30 AM

1. Notice of Meeting Statement
2. Invocation – *Edythe Dove*
3. Introduction of Guests
4. Adoption of Agenda
5. Approval of the Minutes of the November 6, 2008 Meeting
6. Update on FY 2008-2009 Budget Reduction Plan – *Bill Barfield/David Goodell*
7. Budget Report and Impact of Budget and Control Board Actions – *Bill Barfield*
8. FY 2009-2010 Budget Planning – *Bill Barfield*
9. Report from DSN Boards – *Ralph Courtney*
10. State Director Report/Announcements
11. Next Regular Meeting Date – February 19, 2009
12. Calendar of Upcoming Events

PLEASE SILENCE CELL PHONES DURING THE MEETING. THANK YOU.

South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs

Budget Reduction Plan

Draft for Commission Approval December 18, 2008

Attachment B and C

New State Base	\$170,371,128
1%	\$1,703,711
7%	\$11,925,978
15%	\$25,555,689

#	Group #	Description	Staff/ Positions	Rate	FY 2010 - Annualized		% State	FY 2009 - Current Year		Notes	FY 2010	
					Total Funds	State Funds		Total Funds	State Funds		Cumulative State Fund Reduction	Cumulative Percentage
1	1	State Funded Residential - 40 beds to Medicaid or private pay	40	\$40,000	\$ 1,600,000	1,600,000	100%	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 1,600,000	0.94%
2	1	State Funded Residential - 40 beds to Medicaid or private pay - FFP savings only		\$40,000	\$ -	(480,000)	30%	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 1,120,000	0.66%
3	1	State Only Day Program Slots - Center Based	173	\$9,227	\$ 1,596,271	1,596,271	100%	\$ 798,136	\$ 798,136	6 months	\$ 2,716,271	1.59%
4	1	State Only Day Program Slots - Center Based Remain State Funded (No LOC)	43	\$9,227	\$ (396,761)	(396,761)	100%	\$ (198,381)	\$ (198,381)	6 months	\$ 2,319,510	1.38%
5	1	State Only Day Program Slots - Convert to Rehab - Center Based	130	\$10,000	\$ (390,000)	(390,000)	100%	\$ (195,000)	\$ (195,000)	6 months	\$ 1,929,510	1.13%
6	1	State Funded Supported Employment Slots - Convert to Rehab Support	50	\$9,227	\$ 461,350	461,350	100%	\$ 115,338	\$ 115,338	5 months	\$ 2,390,880	1.40%
7	1	State Funded Supported Employment Slots - FFP Savings Only		\$9,227	\$ -	(138,405)	30%	\$ -	\$ (34,601)	5 months	\$ 2,252,455	1.32%
8	1	Alternative Placements - Frozen	6	\$100K per slot	\$ 600,000	180,000	30%	\$ 600,000	\$ 180,000		\$ 2,432,455	1.43%
9	1	Consumer Residential Slots - Frozen	7	\$67K per slot	\$ 469,000	140,700	30%	\$ 469,000	\$ 140,700		\$ 2,573,155	1.51%
10	1	Summer Services for 2009	1,544		\$ 354,870	354,870	100%	\$ 177,435	\$ 177,435	1/4 savings	\$ 2,928,025	1.72%
11	1	Crisis Prevention	n/a		\$ 285,500	114,200	40%	\$ 285,500	\$ 114,200		\$ 3,042,225	1.79%
12	1	Day Program Band A Attention	200	\$9,227	\$ 1,845,400	775,068	42%	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 3,817,293	2.24%
13	1	Level to Level II - Service Coordination only	3,100	\$1,497	\$ 4,640,700	1,949,094	42%	\$ 1,546,900	\$ 649,698	4 months	\$ 5,796,387	3.38%
14	1	Early Intervention Expansion	5	\$50,798	\$ 253,990	106,676	42%	\$ 253,990	\$ 106,676		\$ 5,873,063	3.45%
15	1	Special Grants - Targeted Reductions		6%	\$ 58,700	24,653	42%	\$ 29,350	\$ 12,327	6 months	\$ 5,897,716	3.46%
16	1	HASO Community Opportunity Programs		6%	\$ 35,289	35,289	100%	\$ 17,645	\$ 17,645	6 months	\$ 5,933,005	3.48%
17	1	DDSN 1% Personal Services Reduction	17	1%	\$ 795,112	235,534	30%	\$ 261,704	\$ 78,511	4 months	\$ 6,168,539	3.62%
18	1	DDSN 1% Operating Reduction		1%	\$ 140,000	42,000	30%	\$ 46,687	\$ 14,000	4 months	\$ 6,210,539	3.66%
19	1	Additional Residential 1% Cdl Impact - DDSN Boards		1%	\$ 1,896,860	566,058	30%	\$ 629,953	\$ 188,686	4 months	\$ 6,776,597	3.98%
20	1	Additional Residential 1% Cdl Impact - OPL and Alt Pymt Providers		1%	\$ 204,619	61,386	30%	\$ 68,206	\$ 20,462	4 months	\$ 6,837,963	4.01%
21	1	Respite (100% State Funded) - all divisions			\$ 275,000	275,000	100%	\$ 275,000	\$ 275,000		\$ 7,112,963	4.17%
22	1	Family Support Stipends (100% State Funded) - all divisions			\$ 275,000	275,000	100%	\$ 275,000	\$ 275,000		\$ 7,387,963	4.34%
23	1	Expansion for All Outlets and Band Changes - Frozen			\$ 500,000	150,000	30%	\$ 500,000	\$ 150,000		\$ 7,537,963	4.42%

New State Base	\$170,371,128
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					Total Funds	State Funds	Total Funds	State Funds		Cumulative State Fund Reduction	Cumulative Percentage
24	1	M/R/D Waiver Slots	17	\$12,079,964	\$ 205,190	\$ 61,557	\$ 68,387	\$ 20,519	4 months	\$ 7,599,540	4.46%
25	1	HASCO Waiver Slots	8	\$28K / slot	\$ 208,000	\$ 62,400	\$ 69,333	\$ 20,800	4 months	\$ 7,661,940	4.50%
26	1	TBI/SCI Post Acute Rehab Program	18	\$20K /person savings	\$ 1,157,740	\$ 1,157,740	\$ 351,740	\$ 351,740	Balance Unfunded	\$ 8,819,680	5.18%
27	1	Convert CTH II's to ECTH I's /SLP II's	50		\$ 1,000,000	\$ 300,000	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 9,119,680	5.35%
28	1	Early Intervention - (3-5 yr olds - all)	125	\$18,000	\$ 509,825	\$ 255,060	\$ 212,427	\$ 106,275	5 months	\$ 9,374,740	5.50%
29	1	Waiver - Cap on ancillary services			\$ 3,000,000	\$ 900,000	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 10,274,740	6.03%
30	1	Residential Capital			\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 12,274,740	7.20%
31	2	SC Caseboards at 40 instead of 38 (10,357 on level 1 as of 10/20)	14	\$50,798 per pos.	\$ 711,172	\$ 298,692	\$ 298,322	\$ 124,455	5 months	\$ 12,573,432	7.38%
32	2	Convert 6 Homes by combining vacancies	24	\$70,000	\$ 1,680,000	\$ 588,000	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 13,161,432	7.73%
33	2	Convert CTH II's to ECTH I's /SLP II's	250	\$20K /person savings	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 1,500,000	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 14,661,432	8.61%
34	2	SC Caseboards at 48 instead of 40 (10,357 on level 1 after 2,500 reduction)	43	\$50,798 per pos.	\$ 2,194,314	\$ 917,412	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 15,578,844	9.14%
35	2	Additional Early Intervention Reduction (1/2 of caseboard)	2,000		\$ 8,800,000	\$ 4,699,200	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 20,278,044	11.90%
36	2	Respite (100% State Funded) - all divisions			\$ 275,000	\$ 275,000	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 20,553,044	12.06%
37	2	Family Support Stipends (100% State Funded) - all divisions			\$ 275,000	\$ 275,000	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 20,828,044	12.23%
38	2	Adult Day Program Non-Residential/ M/R Rehab Support	1,807		\$ 12,441,119	\$ 4,727,825	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 25,555,869	15.00%
Total					\$ 54,828,290	\$ 25,555,689	\$ 8,963,692	\$ 3,509,421		\$ 25,555,689	15.00%